

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, just below the title, please insert the following paragraph:

This application is the National Phase of International Application PCT/SE2003/001819, filed November 24, 2003, published under PCT Article 21(2) in English as WO 2004/054790 A1. International Application PCT/SE2003/001819 claimed priority to Swedish Application 0203690-3, filed December 13, 2002.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 36, as follows:

An object of the present invention is to provide a folding of the bottom of a package such that the package obtains an essentially rounded cross-section. ~~This and further objects are achieved by a method according to claim 1, with preferred embodiments disclosed in claims 2-7, and a device according to claim 8, with preferred embodiments disclosed in claims 9-31, and a package according to claim 32 with a preferred embodiment disclosed in claim 33.~~

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 14, as follows:

Figs. 5a and 5b show the shape of a package 13 which is to be folded. The package 13 comprises a sleeve 14 with a fin 15 with a transversal seal 33 at its one end. The package 13 also has a longitudinal seal ~~[[22]]~~ 35. Fig. 5c shows the package with the bottom in a partly folded state. The package 13 has primary flaps 31 and secondary flaps 32. FIG. 5d shows the folded bottom of the package.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 8, as follows:

In Fig. 2a, the first sub-assembly is shown in an open position, and in FIG. 2b in a closed position. In the first sub-assembly 2, a pre-folding is performed using a pre-folding unit 5. This unit pre-folds the fin 15 slightly away from the longitudinal seal ~~[[22]]~~ 35. While pre-folding the fin 15, the pre-heating unit 6 heats the fin 15 where it is folded using e.g. hot air nozzles. This heating makes the layers in the packaging material more flexible and thereby makes it possible to stretch the material during the pre-folding without any cracks occurring in the layers. It is especially important in case of aseptic packages that the aluminum layer not be damaged to such an extent that the aseptic nature of the package is compromised.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 22, as follows:

Pre-folding the fin 15 in a direction away from the longitudinal seal ~~[[22]]~~ 35 is preferred, but not necessary, since it is more difficult to fold over the longitudinal seal 22 where a number of layers of packaging material lie one above the other to make the seal reliable.